

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Page 3, paragraph beginning at line 4:

Accordingly the present invention provides a machine for producing porous membranes for medical use ~~as described in claim 1.~~

Page 3, paragraph beginning at line 13:

Accordingly the present invention also provides a method for producing porous membranes for medical use ~~as described in claim 16.~~